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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.116

Sir:

The Applicant has filed this Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in reply to the outstanding Official Action dated December 16, 2008, and the Applicant believes the Response to be fully responsive to the Official Action for reasons set forth below. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.

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